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1. GOB CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WAS BRIEF AND COOL, LIMITED TO WISHING CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE PROSPERITY AND EXPRESSING HOPE RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WOULD DEVELOP IN INTEREST OF "OUR PEOPLES, OF SOCIALISM, AND OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION".

2. EDITORIAL APPEARING EARLIER IN CP PAPER, RABOTNICHESKO DELO, WAS MORE EXPLICIT. IT PRAISED CHINESE PEOPLE FOR REVOLUTIONARY VICTORY AND SOCIALIST ACCOMPLISHMENT, EMPHASIZING CHINESE INDEBTEDNESS TO SOVIET UNION, BUT THEN CONDEMNED INGRATITUDE AND FAITHLESSNESS OF MAO TSE-TUNG REGIME. EDITORIAL ACCUSES MAO GROUP OF "VOLUNTARISM AND ADVENTURISM" IN ECONOMIC POLICY AND, IN CULTURAL REVOLU-

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TION, OF DESTROYING COMMUNIST PARTY, LEADING TO COM-

PLETE "MILITARIZATION" OF COUNTRY. REGIME FURTHER
ACCUSED OF CLEARLY ANTI-SOVIET POLICY, SPLITTING
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS MOVEMENT, AND ASSO-
CIATING WITH "MOST AGGRESSIVE IMPERIALIST CIRCLES".
EDITORIAL CONCLUDES GENUINE INTERESTS OF SOCIALIST
PEOPLES HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH POLICY OF "CHAUVINIST
LEADERSHIP OF MAO TSE-TUNG", BUT EXTENDS "BEST WISHES"
OF BULGARIAN PEOPLE TO CHINESE PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: EFFORT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MAO GOVERN-
MENT AND CHINESE PEOPLE ON 25TH CHINESE ANNIVERSARY
FOLLOWS ZHIVKOV REMARKS THAT LED TO WALKOUT OF CHINESE
AMBASSADOR AT BULGARIAN 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND
IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF FRICTION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES
AS BULGARIA CONTINUES IS SUPPORT OF SOVIET POLICY AGAINST
CHINA.
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